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1. The Soviet developed practice of tissue therapy, which was introduced in China in about 1951, is widely employed for the treatment of a variety of diseases, including asthma, peptic ulcers, chronic skin diseases, chronic ulcers, eye diseases, post operative adhesions, and in scar contraction. Experience indicates that tissue therapy should never be used in the treatment of tumor cases. In rheumatoid arthritis 55 to 60 percent good reactions are obtained after seven or eight injections.
2. Tissues used in tissue therapy are human placenta and the skin, spleen, and eye of cattle. The three methods of introduction of these tissues are implantation (direct insertion of the foreign tissue), injection as an emulsion, and injection of an extract intramuscularly. In the preparation of human placenta for use in tissue therapy, fresh placenta is first kept at 5° centigrade for seven days and then placed in an autoclave for sterilization. After this, it is ground into small particles and an emulsion produced for injection intramuscularly into the thoracic wall. A dosage is 5 cubic centimeters of the emulsion plus 5 cubic centimeters of .25 percent Novocain, and one injection per month is the normal treatment.
3. Other Soviet medical practices employed in China are "sleeping therapy" and the "Local Block."
4. Except for the China Red Cross Hospital in Peiping all Chinese hospitals still employ the old Chinese method of organization. There is no evidence of widespread reorganization in accordance with Chinese (sic) practice.
5. The vaccines, toxoids, and sera produced in China are quite effective. Storage times vary. Bubonic and plague vaccine can only be stored for three weeks. There is in general no difference in the reactions from locally produced sera and vaccines and the imported types.

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6. The antimalarial drugs quinine, Atabrine, and paludrine are all being manufactured in China.
7. Plans have been made for the local production of sulpha drugs. However, efforts to date have not been successful.
8. In Canton the compulsory immunization law for children is taking effect.<sup>1</sup> The incidence of all kinds of infectious diseases is being gradually reduced. All children of school age in Canton are obliged to receive immunization and this law is being rigidly enforced.

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[REDACTED] all children were receiving compulsory immunization against Diptheria, B.C.G. and Whooping Cough.

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